



*******OUTREACH & VACANCY NOTICE*******

WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

Forestry Technician (Recreation)

Recreation Technician

PERMANENT POSITION

Title, Series, and Grade: Forestry Technician (Recreation), GS-0462-05

Positions: One (1)

Tour of Duty: Full- Time, Permanent

Duty Station(s): Wayne National Forest, Ironton Ranger District, Pedro, OH

The Wayne National Forest will be filling one Recreation Technician position on the Ironton Ranger District. These positions will report to the Assistant District Ranger - Operations. Government housing is not available for the selected applicant.

OUTREACH CONTACTS

For more information, contact Carol Boll at 740-534-6532 (ceboll@fs.fed.us) and/or complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it with a resume by close of business **August 20, 2014. Respondents will be notified via email when the vacancy announcement becomes available.**

TO APPLY

Persons interested will apply to USAjobs.gov

Please identify the job location as Pedro, Ohio on your application.

POSITION INFORMATION:

This is permanent full-time position. The position serves as a Recreation Technician for developed sites, dispersed recreation, and trails. The primary purpose of this position is to clean, maintain, and operate recreation sites and trails.

Duties

The Ironton Ranger District is looking for an individual to assist in all aspects of recreation management. The incumbent will maintain, repair, and monitor recreation sites and trails. This position will support other resource activities including wildland fire fighting, fire prevention, prescribed burns, timber, wildlife, and lands. The incumbent will be responsible for his/her personal safety, co-worker safety, and forest visitor's safety. Weekend and evening hours of work are required and other duties in wildlife, timber and lands.

- Incumbent will inspect contractors work and lead work crews. The work crews may include volunteers, seasonals, students, or prison crews.
- Patrolling and cleaning dispersed area of the forest
- Working safely using all personal protection equipment required while applying all safety procedures
- Documenting all work in written reports and official database of record (such as INFRA, SHIP).
- Providing reports to supervisor and co-work on work accomplished and work items needed.
- Ensuring that all cleaning and maintenance supplies are requested and available when needed.
- Working with grants as available.
- Working in partnership with volunteers and community groups to maintain trails and recreation sites and to educate visitors on land ethics. The person is expected to presents a positive public image of himself and the Forest Service
- The incumbent will work with co-workers in a productive and professional manner. Be personally responsible for contributing to a work environment that is free from comments or actions which are inappropriate or offensive to fellow employees or the public
- Designing and laying-out trails (training and travel as required)
- **Become certified and maintain certifications to operate chainsaw, ATV, hand tools, vehicles, and heavy equipment such as tractor and mowers.**
- Incumbent will maintain qualifications for **Forest Protection Officer and provide Forest Protection Patrols** to provide public safety and to enforce laws and regulations as pertaining to National Forest System lands. Document and complete reports and enter into database of record.
- **Assisting with the suppression of wildfires and Prescribe Burns** (less than 20% of time)
 - Maintain personal fitness to pass fitness level needed to meet fire qualification.
 - Performing fire suppression assignments within the scope of training and qualifications,
 - Maintaining fire personal protection equipment and fire supplies at all time for immediate use

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet all the required qualification requirements, including education if applicable, and any selective placement factors described below before a certificate of candidates is issued to the selecting official. Education may only be substituted in accordance with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards Handbook. Additional information on the qualification requirements for this position is outlined in the OPM Qualification Standards Handbook of General Schedule Positions and is available at OPM's website: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/Standards/IOs/gS0400/0462.htm>

Basic Qualifications: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization. Specialized experience directly related to this position should be documented in the online application or resume.

Qualifying specialized experience must demonstrate the following:

For the GS-05 position, in addition to meeting the basic entry qualification requirements, applicants must have had one (1) year of specialized experience at least equivalent to GS-04 level:

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Ironton Ranger District:

Recreation: The District has an innovative and expanding recreation program. The district maintains 66 miles of ATV trails plus 46 miles of horse trail. The lake Vesuvius Recreation area includes an archery trail, hiking trail, backpacking trail, 3 campgrounds, a boat launch and a beach. There are over 129-miles of trails. The District also offers some of the best hunting in the area. Campgrounds, wildlife, hunting, and trails make the *Ironton District* a popular destination point for travel and tourism.

Special events held on the Ironton District each year include the Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing event, which promotes and encourages persons with disabilities to explore recreation opportunities. Other special events include the Kids Fishing Derby, 5K runs and ATV activities.

Vegetation Management: Our vegetation management program produces approximately 2.5 million board feet (MMBF) annually. Hand and herbicide techniques are the primary means of reforestation and timber stand improvement. We are actively restoring oak hickory ecosystems. We maintain a mixed pine/hardwood ecosystem dominated by oak and hickory forest type with large blocks of land designated for a variety of timber, plant, animal and recreational objectives.

Endangered Species: The Indiana Bat is one of our key, resident endangered species.

Fire: Fire is considered an ecosystem component rather than a periodic treatment. The District program is small but growing and utilizes prescribed fire on approximately 1,500 acres annually to maintain pyrotypic communities and treat hazardous fuels. The district also has an active wildfire suppression program.

Cultural Resources: Vesuvius Furnace is one of several iron furnace stacks remaining on the Forest. A large Civilian Conservation Corps camp near the Iron furnace provided the labor to construct the Vesuvius Lake dam and Recreation Area.

LOCATION:

Ironton Ranger District: The Ironton Ranger District is located in the southern part of the state at Pedro, Ohio. It retains an air of nostalgia with covered bridges, rock shelters, springs and rugged foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The rugged hills are forested with a diverse mixture of hardwood and pine trees. The district covers approximately 104,257-acres in Lawrence, Gallia, Scioto and Jackson counties. Pedro is within a few driving hours of metropolitan areas such as Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Ohio - Lexington, Kentucky – Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bordering states Kentucky and West Virginia make up the Tri-State area offering several state of the art medical centers, churches of various denominations, public and private schools, shopping plaza/malls and a wide variety of educational, sporting, cultural events and opportunities for all ages.

The city of Ironton's population is approximately 11,320. The population of Ashland, KY is 21,352. The population of Huntington, WV is approximately 48,982. The estimated population for the tri-state area, which includes 2 counties in Kentucky, 2 counties in West Virginia, and Lawrence County in Ohio, is approximately 288,650.

The Ironton, OH climate is warm during summer when temperatures tend to be in the upper 80's and during winter daytime temperatures tend to be in the 30's. The warmest month of the year is July with an average maximum temperature of 88 degrees Fahrenheit, while the coldest month of the year is January with an average minimum temperature of 21 degrees Fahrenheit. The annual

average precipitation at Ironton is 42 Inches. Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. The wettest month of the year is July with an average rainfall of 4.8 Inches.

Rental apartments are available in the city or county and in surrounding areas. There are several small communities or towns, such as Ironton, Coal Grove, South Point, and Hanging Rock in Ohio, to live in with close proximity to Pedro. There are also numerous communities across the river in Kentucky around the Ashland area. There are abundant opportunities for the purchase of nice housing in the area with prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$225,000 plus.

The Forest Service building is not equipped to handle childcare; however, there are several options available in the local area to accommodate children, ranging from infant care through teens.

There are many churches in the area representing more than a dozen religious denominations.

A great selection of health care is available, including doctors, dentists, and specialists. Kings Daughter Medical Center is located in Ashland, KY and is ranked as one of the top hospitals in the nation for heart care. Kings Daughter is also rated as one of the top 100 companies to work for. There are several other hospitals in the area within a short drive.

There are numerous senior/junior high schools, and elementary schools. In the City of Ironton there are two city high/junior high schools and five elementary schools. We have two private church school, covering K-12th grade. Ohio University Southern Campus is also located in Ironton. Marshall University is 45 minutes away in Huntington, WV, and Ashland has several technical colleges.

Ironton has a moderate selection of shopping opportunities available, including many small specialty shops within the area. Ashland has 2 malls and is located approximately 13 miles from Ironton.

Excellent opportunities are available for hunting and fishing in the local area, as well as the whole state. There are several water-related areas, with 73 State Parks, 21 State Forests, and amusement parks within a few driving hours. Ohio is proud to have many cultural, historic and festive attractions.

This position may be posted in **USAJOBS.OPM.GOV**. If you have any questions about the position, please contact **Carol Boll at 740-534-6532 (ceboll@fs.fed.us)**.



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Persons with Disabilities

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities and you wish to file either an EEO or program complaint please contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a double click to select or unselect. Provide information and type entries in fields below.

REPLY BY August 20, 2014

POSITION IDENTIFICATION:

Position Title: **Forestry Technician (Recreation)**
Series/Grade: **GS-0462-5**
Location: **Ironton Ranger District**

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

Current Title, Series, Grade _____

Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30%
Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Employment Opportunities
Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Recruitment Act (VRA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways Program (Student/Recent
Graduate) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Please Describe) _____ | |

POSITION INTEREST:

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

- Series currently identified and classified
 Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

- Target grade level currently identified.
 Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
 NTE 1-Year Detail or Promotional opportunity
 Term Appointment

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications or Interests, Needs and/or Provide Other Information:

How did you hear about this position?

DATE OF EXPRESSED INTEREST: _____

Please send this completed form to Carol Boll at ceboll@fs.fed.us or fax to 740-534-6532 or mail hard copy to:

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Thanks for your interest in this position!